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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554
Re: MB Docket No. 04-233

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Aldo Leopold Nature Center (ALNC) is a private not-for-profit organization created in 1994 to promote environmental education and provide opportunities for children to connect with nature. Our primary services, at both our Monona and Black Earth campuses, are naturalist-led programs on the land; school field trips, summer camp, seasonal family programs, scout programs, special events and teacher training workshops.

Our mission is to provide hands-on programs for young children, their teachers and families that "...teach the student to see the land, to understand what he sees, and enjoy what he understands" in the spirit of famed ecologist Aldo Leopold. Through these programs, we foster admiration and respect for nature and the understanding of the interconnectedness of all living things.

ALNC's relationship with WKOW and its personal is extremely important to us for the promotion of our three annual signature events (through PSAs, on-line promotion on WKOW-TV's website and on-site interviews) and for creating public awareness of organization in general.

The Aldo Leopold Nature Center is concerned that FCC's proposed new rules to regulate the nature of local programming and how information is gathered will impose a bureaucratic framework that will disrupt the process of our locally-developed and successful relationship with WKOW-TV. Please take our concerns under consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kelley Van Egeren
Director of Development/Communications